

In Loving Memory of Deacon John E. Smith III



Sunrise
January 3, 1945

Sunset
November 3, 2021

Friday, December 3, 2021 - 12:00 Noon

Mount Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church

100 Montgomery Street • Newark, New Jersey

Obituary

John E. “Smitty” Smith III was born on January 3, 1945, to the late Lucille Danzy Smith and John Smith Sr. in Halifax Co. N.C. making Smitty the eldest of his many siblings. Smitty’s family later moved to Conetoe, NC where Smitty attended Conetoe High School and was one of the star basketball players. After graduating from high school Smitty ventured to Virginia Beach, VA before permanently relocating to Newark, NJ with his late cousin Sam.

One short year later, Smitty met the love of his life Jeanette Robinson at a mutual friend’s wedding reception. While on one of their first dates Smity took Jeanette to go shopping at the EJ Corvette Store, once they were at the store Smitty insisted that Jeanette get whatever she wanted... Jeanette ultimately told Smitty that she didn’t see anything that intrigued her, Smitty was so amazed by her poise and modesty that he decided on that day she would be his wife. May 23rd, 1968, they officially became Mr. and Mrs. John and Jeanette Smith.

Fall of 1970, Smitty decided that he wanted to pursue his interest in culinary arts and attended a culinary institute in New York City, NY that assisted in shaping his culinary skills. Smitty enjoyed cooking for his siblings and parents back home before he ever envisioned himself cooking professionally. Smitty featured his skills at Pals in West Orange, Dons Diner in Irvington where he also was the first black chef and Natulus in Madison where he retired in 2018.

Smitty was a man of many hats. A husband, father, provider, protector, confidant, friend, gardener, fashion connoisseur and deacon. In 2003 Smitty joined Christian love Baptist church under the leadership of the late Reverend Ronald B. Christian and served as an ordained deacon before moving to his forever church home Mount Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church and served as a deacon under the leadership of Pastor Rakeem Thomas.

To know Deacon Smitty was truly to love him. Deacon Smitty was not a man to leave very much to the imagination regarding how he felt, and he would always be sure to let you know that he was coming from a place of love and concern. At any party or event, you can for sure count on Deacon Smitty to always be the first on the dance floor showing off his best moves and stylish ensembles. Dancing and dressing are two of the many things he will be remembered for.

Tuesday, November 23rd, 2021, Deacon Smitty transitioned from labor to reward as his work is now complete. Mount Pleasant has expressed that Deacon Smitty will be forever cherished, honored and appreciated for his love, his commitment, and his faithful service. He was truly a 5-star deacon and has completed a job well done. The family thanks you all for showing up and standing in, the prayers, post, phone calls, visits and the love shown at this time is greatly appreciated. Smitty is preceded by his brother Columbus Smith and His Sister and her late husband Sarah and Ray Andrews alongside his mother-in-law Louise Robinson, father-in-law Spencer Robinson and brothers in law Spencer Jr. and Michael.

Smitty leaves to cherish his wife, Jeanette. Daughters Yakima and Tanya. Daughter in Christ Latronia “Mother Tee.” Grandchildren Quaniyah and Nasir. Grandchildren in Christ Latisha and Ryceire. Brother Willie (Blanche) Baltimore, MD, Sister Rosa Mae (Dave) Baltimore, MD, Brother William “Earl” (Annie) Roselle, NJ, Sister Janie (late Avon) Tarboro, NC, Sister Clara” Bell” (Jerry) Tarboro, NC, Sister Verna (Rufus) Tarboro, NC. Brother Charles Robinson. Sister Sonya Jones. Sister Rentra Thomas. Brother-in-law Jerome (Gloria) NC, Sister-in-law Diane Belville, NJ, Sister-in-law Cathy (Orlando) Gainesville, FL, Lynn Hillside NJ, David (Susan) West Orange, NJ, bother in Christ Moses (Mary) Roselle, NJ and a host of other family, friends and loved ones.

Order of Service

Prayer of comfort.....Deacon Carlton West

Scripture Reading.....Sister Patrica Brown.....Psalms 23

Scripture ReadingDeacon Moses Grant.....John 14:13

Music Selection.....Rentra Thomas

Acknowledgement / cardsSonya Jones

Reflections(2 Mins) Please

ObituaryCharles Robinson

Musical SelectionElder Toby Carson

EulogyPastor Rakeem Thomas

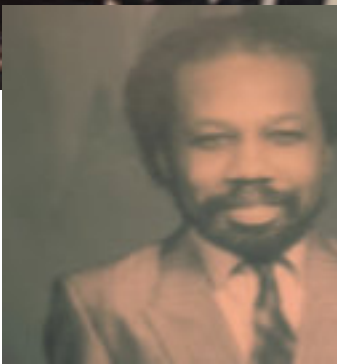
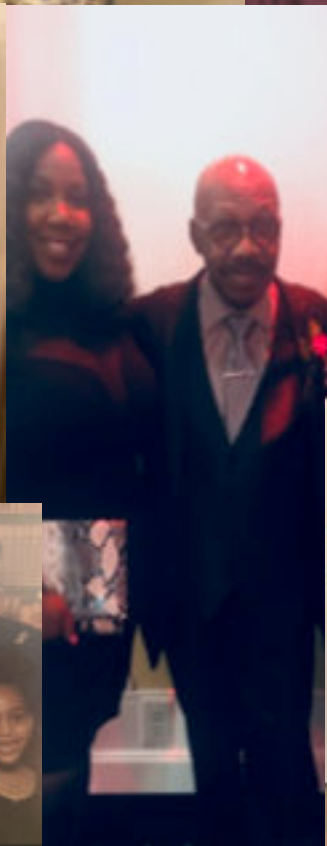
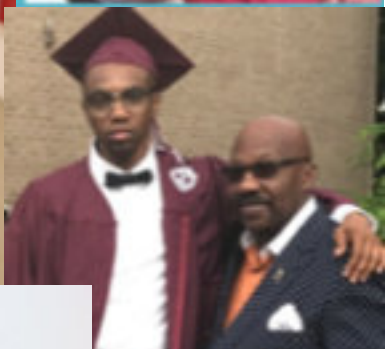
Closing PrayerRev. Victor Little

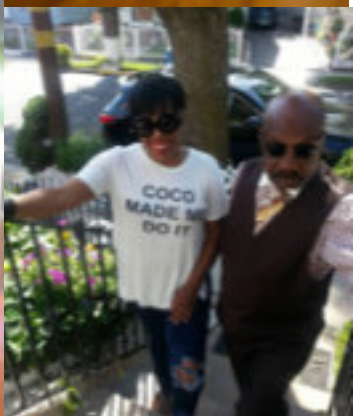
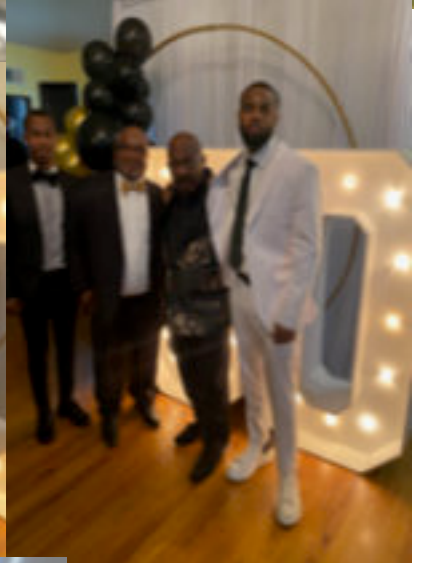
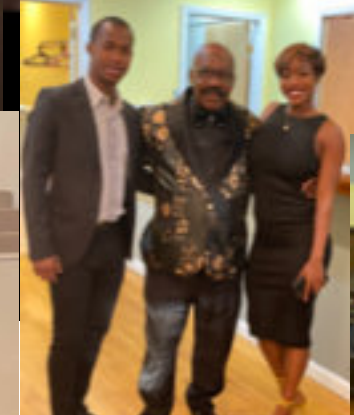
Releasing of Doves

INTERMENT
Fairmount Cemetery
Newark, New Jersey

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE BURIAL
THERE WILL BE A REPAST HELD BACK AT THE CHURCH.







THE MEASURE OF A MAN

Submitted By: LONGINUS

Not - How did he die? But - How did he live?
Not - What did he gain? But - What did he give?

These are the things that measure the worth
Of a man as a man, regardless of birth.

Not - What was his station? But - had he a heart?
And - How did he play his God-given part?

Was he ever ready with a word of good cheer?
To bring back a smile, to banish a tear?

Not - What was his church? Not - What was his creed?
But - Had he befriended those really in need?

Not - What did the sketch in the newspaper say?
But - How many were sorry when he passed away?

These are the things that measure the worth
Of a man as a man, regardless of birth.

Author: Anonymous



Acknowledgement and Special Thanks

The family extends our sincere thanks for any acts of kindness, No matter what yours was you will always be remembered in our hearts for caring, comforting, and consoling the family during our loss. Special thanks to Pastor Rakeem and the Mount Pleasant Church

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